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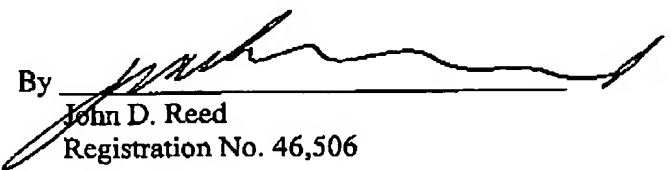
Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

This is a status inquiry for the above-identified application. There has been no action on this case since August 2005 when the Notice of Publication of Application was received by our office.

Applicant respectfully requests that a communication indicative of the status of the above application be forwarded to the undersigned attorney.

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